

COLER ACCUSES ALL CAR LINES RUNNING TO CONEY ISLAND

State Railroad Commission Monday Sets Date for Hearing of Borough President's Complaint of Two-Fare Robbery.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., June 30.—The State Railroad Commission received to-day a second letter from Borough President Coler, who has entered into The Evening World's fight for a five-cent fare to Coney Island. In this latest communication President Coler replies to the State Board's letter calling for a more specific complaint from the Borough President.

The latter official writes: "Board of Railroad Commissioners, Albany, N. Y. 'Gentlemen—Replying to your favor of the 23d instant, permit me to say that if the railroads named by you run cars or trains singly or in combination from Brooklyn to Coney Island, then they are charging at least a ten-cent fare, whereas I take the position, under advice of counsel, that no more than a five-cent fare can be legally charged; THEREFORE MY COMPLAINT IS DIRECTED AGAINST ALL OF THE COMPANIES YOU NAME."

"I assume that the information you offer is correct, and that the companies mentioned are the only companies operating between the city and the sea. Yours respectfully, BIRD S. COLER, 'President of Borough of Brooklyn.'"

The roads named by the State Board are the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company, the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, the Nassau Electric Railroad Company.

Mr. Coler's complaint will be taken up by the State Railroad Commission at a meeting here Monday, when in all probability a day will be set for a hearing.

MERCHANTS FIGHT THE DOUBLE FARE ROBBERY

Those very merchants in Coney Island whom President E. W. Winter declared were in favor of the 10-cent fare to the resort not only have joined in The Evening World's fight for a 5-cent fare from the city to the sea, but are pledging their undivided support in any action that may be brought to stop the flagrant robbery.

So anxious are some of these business men to forcibly repudiate Mr. Winter's office and entered their personal protest against his unwarranted statement.

One of these was S. Guggenheim, purchasing agent for Steeplechase Park and one of Coney Island's best known real estate dealers.

"There is not a sane person on the island," he remarked emphatically, "who favors the ten-cent outrage, and in all probability Mr. Winter knew this when he spoke. A few years ago we did not care whether the fare was five cents or twenty-five cents, and although the merchants knew then the tariff was illegal they paid no attention to it. The visitors were few, and the several merchants only hoped for a few good spenders during the week."

Resort Has Grown.

"Since then the resort has grown to be the greatest of its sort in the world, and in consequence there are now thousands of visitors daily where formerly there were only hundreds each week. The result is there are twenty times as many places of amusement and twenty times as many merchants. The competition is great, and unless there are enormous crowds every night of the week during the summer there is little or no chance for profit. The legal rate is five cents, and the business men of the island will join in any movement to curb the B. R. T. Mr. Guggenheim's remarks are confirmed by scores of letters which are being received daily. Each one of these cries out loudly for the success of The Evening World's fight and denounces the assertion that a ten-cent fare was ever advocated as false in every sense of the word."

Mr. Stephen C. Baldwin, representing Bird S. Coler, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, who has asked that

the State Railroad Commission investigate the methods of the Brooklyn street railway lines, wrote to the board last night giving the names of the offending companies. They include every one in the borough and as soon as the commission officially receives the misgiving investigation of these methods will be begun. The next meeting of the board will take place Monday.

To Hold Hearing Soon.

Within a few days Mr. Coler will receive word that a hearing has been granted on his complaint, and the thousands of Brooklynites and visitors to Coney Island who have been robbed for years will then have the opportunity of placing their grievances before the State authorities. As these roads are operating in direct defiance of the provisions of their charters it is most probable that in a very short time The Evening World's fight will have been won.

That Mr. Winter will not receive any consideration in his statement regarding the Coney Island merchants has been provided for by those gentlemen themselves. They are circulating petitions which will prove to the commission that they do now and always have favored the just fare of 5 cents.

Those persons who in the past have suffered indignities from "railway policemen" will be glad to learn that Commissioner Hinchman has denounced these "bouncers" and that in future the B. R. T.'s slugs will be compelled to wear uniforms which can be easily distinguished from those of the regular police.

HAD NO WITNESSES, BUT WON HIS CASE!

Man Who Sprained Leg Boarding a Lexington Avenue Car Gets \$1,750 Damages.

By a decision handed down in the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court to-day the doctrine has been confirmed that although there are no eyewitnesses to an accident, the person who is injured on one of the street cars of the city of New York can still recover damages for his injuries.

In the summer of 1903 Timothy W. Lester, a carpenter living at No. 209 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, tried to board a Lexington Avenue car at Lenox Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street. The car started too soon and he sustained a sprain of his leg.

His lawyer, Louis Stecker, brought suit in the City Court to recover \$1,000 damages, and the action was tried before a jury on Feb. 6, 1906, and although the company had two witnesses who testified that Lester tried to board a moving car, and Lester had no eyewitnesses to the accident, his only corroborator being his physician who treated him for some months after the accident, the jury brought in a verdict for \$1,750.

The company appealed, claiming that Lester's story was improbable and that he was not corroborated. The higher court, however, by its decision has affirmed the judgment, and the company must now pay.

Five-Cent Fare League.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company assumes the right to charge 10 cents for the trip to Coney Island—the lungs of New York—the hold-up for the extra nickel being made at Kings Highway.

The company HAS NO ESTABLISHED RIGHT to collect this extra fare, and the courts HAVE NOT passed finally upon this question. Now is the time to protest against the extortion. Join the FIVE-CENT FARE LEAGUE. Sign your name to this blank and mail it to the Five-Cent Fare League, Room 49, Pulitzer Building, New York City.

To the Editor of The Evening World: I desire to enroll myself as a member of the FIVE-CENT FARE LEAGUE to protest against the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company's and allied lines' illegal exaction of an extra five-cent fare to Coney Island.

Name..... Address.....

THOUSANDS JOIN FIGHT AGAINST B. R. T. GREED.

Following are a few of the extracts from the large number of letters received almost hourly commending The Evening World in its fight for a five-cent fare from the city to the sea:

Samuel Mittenman, Jr.—The B. R. T. is usurping its powers in extorting first street fare from the city to the sea, and I am just one of the thousands of people who are paying the extra five cents at Kings Highway. It is the solemn duty of all citizens to combine and break up this trust rule.

Charles Zucker, No. 27 East Third Street—If the ten-cent fare is a most astounding case of graft and extortion. The New York World is to be congratulated for its noble work in defending the people's rights.

Benjamin Lepidus, No. 184 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn—The ten-cent fare is an outrage. It is about time it was stopped. I hope you will succeed in your good work.

Jerry Walsh, No. 467 West Twenty-first Street—It is an excellent idea. The Evening World's fight—and I hope it will come around all right.

William H. Hanson, Avenue W and Eleventh Street, Brooklyn—The B. R. T. uses the people of Brooklyn very badly. A five-cent fare from the city to the sea would be very beneficial.

A. J. Matthews, No. 181 Nassau Street, Brooklyn—I think the railway should change Kings Highway into Kings Highway robbery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clark, William J. Reeb and Marie Reeb, No. 469 West Twenty-third Street—We all join you in the desire for a five-cent fare to Coney Island in behalf of the poor. Wish you a great success.

M. Langman, No. 40 Maiden Lane—I think the action of the B. R. T. in exacting a second fare at Kings Highway from passengers going to Coney Island is an outrage. I heartily endorse

the action of The Evening World Five-Cent Fare League in attempting to abate this robbery.

Arnold Uptown, Hotel Empire—Your fight for a "five-cent fare from the city to the sea" is a just one and is bound to win, as it is right against wrong.

Robert Edwards, No. 173 West Eighth Street—I would also protest against the practices of the B. R. T. in charging the extra five cents at Kings Highway. If one gets off the car at Brighton Beach, and walks over there is no admission asked, but if one takes a car or train from Manhattan Beach he is charged 15 cents to New York.

William Swenson, No. 23 Clinton Street, Brooklyn—As a resident of Brooklyn I wish to join your league to protest against the B. R. T.'s outrageous double fare from the city to the sea, and I sincerely wish The Evening World success in this matter.

J. Monheim and family, Coney Island—The ten-cent fare is a highway robbery. There are many poor wage-earners in Brooklyn and New York who cannot afford to pay the fare. Keep the work up and your fight against the thieving corporations will bear good results.

Benjamin Althemer, Surf Avenue, Coney Island—See no reason why an extra fare should be paid when Coney Island is in the city limits.

H. V. Stone, Coney Island—It is outrageous to exact a second fare from Kings Highway to the island. The statement of the B. R. T. or any other railroad company that they have no right to exact a second fare is far-fetched. Why don't they name them? If there are such persons they are crazy.

I. Segall, Surf Avenue and Eighth Street, Coney Island—I cordially favor a five-cent fare to Coney Island. A petition urging The Evening World to join you in the desire for a five-cent fare to Coney Island has been received from the following residents of Coney Island. They are few of the hundreds who have written me a single letter: Charles Buschke, Frank Jenks, W. Lawrence, Samuel Levine, Louis Toppe, John Jones, Harry Kaufman, Charles Herbeck, Anna Lindblad, Alina Lindblad, Edith P. Lindblad and Carl W. Lindblad.

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SING SING FOR A BOGUS COUNT ANYBODY SEEN A LADY BIKE RIDER? He Was Leader of an Orchestra in an East Side "Goulashery."

Michael Pollock, who claims to be a Hungarian court, but who has been named out of the Hungarian nobility by the representatives of that nation in New York, was sentenced to serve not less than three nor more than five years in Sing Sing by Judge Humphreys in the Queens Court, Long Island city, to-day. He was convicted a few days ago of stealing \$200 from Flora Loebwitz, of No. 103 Manhattan avenue, Greenpoint.

Pollock is well known in the Hungarian quarter on the east side, where he posed as a court and an orchestra in a goulashery. He obtained the money from little Miss Loebwitz on the pretense that he would invest it in a coffee plantation in Brazil. Then he deserted her, and she discovered that

he had a wife and family. She secured his indictment and he was brought to bear upon her to refrain from prosecuting him. Miss Loebwitz was a gratified spectator in court when Pollock was sentenced.

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DEAD BABY'S MOTHER SOUGHT BY POLICE. Child Was Given to a Woman to Board and Died of Natural Causes.

The police are seeking the mother of a three months' old baby which died yesterday at the house of Mrs. Bridget Atkinson, No. 121 Grand street. The affair may be of interest to some one for Mrs. Atkinson says the baby was brought to her a month ago by a woman whose name and address she does not know.

A fish peddler, she says, told her this woman wanted a baby board and she agreed to undertake the job. She said the baby died yesterday, and she took it in her arms and started out on the street. She met Policeman Cornelius Cannon and told him. He summoned the Gouverneur Hospital ambulance, and Dr. Lohmiller said that the baby had died of summer complaint. Two detectives were assigned to find the mother.

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FOUR SHOT IN STREET DUEL; ONE IS DYING

Innocent Bystander Fifth Victim of Four-Sided Shooting.

Five men were shot in a murderous fight between four Italian cigarmakers in Van Brunt street, Brooklyn, to-day. Four were participants in the shooting, and the fifth was the inevitable innocent bystander. One may die.

The men were employed in a factory in Van Brunt street between Rackett and Union streets. They had assembled to go to work and were waiting for the doors to be opened, when an argument started. The police have been unable to discover what the argument was about, but it is supposed to have related to some matter connected with work in the shop.

No eyewitnesses have been found but the men who were wounded, and they refuse to talk. It is believed that all four of them had pistols, although only two pistols were found.

Policemen Brown and O'Connell, of the Amity street station; Roundsman Lamb and Policemen Lynch and Hammerling, of the Hamilton avenue station, were all on duty in the vicinity of the shooting, heard the shots and started for the scene of the disturbance. Brown and O'Connell were the first to arrive.

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Summer Amusements Here and at Coney

WITH the advent of July the summer show reigns supreme, both in the city and at the seaside.

The Alhambra Opera Company will arrive next week the tuncful "Dolly Varden" at the Alhambra Theatre, with part of Lulu Glaser's original company and with the scenic effects used in the Broadway production. Grace Orr Myers will have the title role.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," with daily matinees, will be the attraction at the West End Theatre.

Tonight Henry E. Dixey closes for the summer his engagement in "The Man on the Box" at the Lyric.

Plays and musical comedies that continue at the various local theatres are "The Governor's Son" at the Aerial, "The Girl of the Golden West" at the Lyric, "The Honor of the Mayor" at the New York Municipal Opera, "The Mad Mad Mad" at the Lyric, "The Lion and the Mouse" at the Lyric and "The Social Whirl" at the Lyric.

"Happyland," the new amusement enterprise at South Beach, Staten Island, will begin its season this afternoon with "The Rain-Deers" will be continued.

At Hammerstein's the headline will be Drouza, the Talking Head, a European novelty. Machnow, the Russian giant, Lalla Selma, the Six Musical Cuties, Rice and Praver, Tom Hearn and Collins and Hart will be among others.

At Whitford's "Sealing New York" will begin its fifth week. Among the newcomers will be Sylvester Jones, Pringle and Morrell, Frank and Bob, with a trained dog, Ned Washington, "The Rain-Deers" will be continued.

Keith and Proctor's "The Union Square" will have as a special attraction Gus Edwards's School Boys and Girls. Others will be the Eight Allisons, the Kimsons, John and Bertha Gleason and Fred Houlahan, Robert Carter and Company, Charles Howard and Grace Childers.

At the Twenty-third Street Theatre novelties will be Lillian Thurston and Company, Eddie Clark and his Six Winsome Widows, the Klara-Klara, and a number of other splendid attractions. At the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street "Northern Light" will be given.

At Tony Pastor's will be James E. Kelly and Annie Mabel Kelly, Lillian Swan and Company, and Company, Al Hunter and Al. Rawls and Van Kaufman, Edwin Baker and Company, Jeanne and Edith, Berardo and Belle and many others.

Old Heidelberg, atop the Metropolitan Theatre, will present in its inaugural bill Billy (Single) Clifford, the Grand Opera Troupe, Gerde Reade and Her Troupe, Charlie Gills, Klein, Or Brothers and Nicholson, Countess Clara Rossi, the Four Toledos and others.

At Atlantic Garden will be Viola and Engel, the Musical La Belle Fausse, Yulius and Melville and Belle Traversa. The Eden Music will present an unusually attractive bill for the summer season, all the latest public characters being shown in the World in Wax.

At Huber's Casino a splendid vaudeville bill, including many novelties, will be given.

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time this season in vaudeville in "As a Man Sings." Others will be Kennedy and Rooney, Mayne Remington and Her Pinks, Mazer and Mazer, Hawthorne and Burr and the Three Westons.

At Brighton Beach Park the twenty-nine different acts that make up Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show are proving it the greatest drawing card attraction has had in years. Col. Francis Perini and his trained wild animals come in for a large share of popularity, and the smaller attractions along the Pike have met with great public favor.

At Manhattan Beach, George H. Primrose will open with his new minstrel company of sixty people. Among the features will be a novel close juggle called "The Drill of the Southern Cadets." The proceeds of the display of Pain's "Eruption of Vesuvius" on Monday evening will be given to the fund to build a new asylum for the homeless orphans of San Francisco.

A CITY OF MIDGETS.

Dreamland's Lilliputian Village Delights Children and Grown-Ups.

The third season of the Midget City in Dreamland shows no diminution of interest in the Lilliputians. While the children naturally take an especial interest, they are not alone, and many of the older generations are drawn by desire to renew with the present Countess Magri the acquaintance which they formed with her so many years ago when she was Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb.

And despite more years than most ladies like to acknowledge, preserves a youthful vivacity and exuberant cheerfulness that keep unchallenged her title of "Queen of Lilliputia."

ASSEMBLYMAN HIT BY MALTERED BOMB

Frances, of the Twenty-third, Stung by Bung of Exploding Beer Keg.

A malted bomb went off in the vicinity of Assemblyman James Francis, of the Twenty-third District, to-day, and he is convinced that it was an attempt on his life. He it known that in the General Assembly he has been the champion of the local option liquor license law, and this, he thinks, had something to do with today's occurrence.

It was at the corner of Broadway and Warren street, and the Assemblyman was talking with a group of men, when a man, whom he addressed as "Duke," a big brewery wagon, loaded with kegs and barrels was passing, when with a roar like a ten-inch gun, one of the barrels blew up. The bulk in the forefront of a rain of beer whizzed close to the Assemblyman's head, ripping off his new straw hat and crashing into the place of the window of Rogers Peet & Co.'s store.

By the time the Hon. Mr. Francis and the Duke had scooped the amber fluid from their eyes a crowd had collected. After a dozen persons had asked what was the matter the Assemblyman said:

"Full of the Russian political machine, but I'm still for local option, even if my enemies will serve me this way."

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

Joseph Morra, aged twenty-four, of West Second street, Coney Island, was electrocuted early to-day at the West End Railroad dump and Bay Forty-seventh street, Brooklyn.

He was an Italian laborer employed on an ash car, and while at work in some way became entangled in a live wire. Ambulance Surgeon Beck, of the Coney Island Hospital, was called and said Morra had been instantly killed.

SHIPWRECKED CRE